

Chambers of District Judge Ortrie D. Smith

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Ortrie D. Smith

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Missouri BA, JD
Began Service: August 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Legal Practice: Partner, Ewing, Smith, & Hoberock (1971-1995)

Staff

Law Clerk **Betsy Loomer** (816) 512-5645
Education: Missouri 2005 JD
Law Clerk **Steven I. Wolfe** (816) 512-5645
Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 1990 JD
Courtroom Deputy **Eva Will-Fees** (816) 512-5659
Education: Nebraska 1981 BS
Court Reporter **Cynthia M. Johnson** (816) 512-5657
Secretary **Karen A. Hopkins** (816) 512-5645

Chambers of District Judge Gary A. Fenner

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Gary A. Fenner

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Kansas 1970 BA; Missouri (Kansas City) 1973 JD
Began Service: July 26, 1996
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Business Law Instructor (part-time), Webster College
(1976-1977)

Government: Assistant City Attorney, City of St. Joseph, Missouri
(1973-1977); City Councilman, City of St. Joseph, Missouri (1977-1978)

Judicial: Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit (1979-1988);
Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1988-1996)

Legal Practice: Associate of Daniel M. Czamanske, Attorney at Law
(1973); Partner, Shoemaker, Summers and Fenner (1977-1978)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Clay County Bar
Association; Kansas City Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association;
Platte County Bar Association

Staff

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Chambers of District Judge Nanette Kay Laughrey

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**Nanette Kay Laughrey**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: UCLA 1967 BA; Missouri 1975 JD
Began Service: August 26, 1996
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of
Law (1983-1987); Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law
(1987-1989); William H. Pittman Professor of Law, University of Missouri
School of Law (1989-1996); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Iowa
College of Law (1990)

Government: VISTA Volunteer, VISTA (1969-1972); Assistant State
Attorney General, State of Missouri (1975-1979); Commissioner, City of
Columbia Arts Commission (1986-1988); Commissioner, Columbia
Housing Authority (1992-1998); Deputy State Attorney General, State of
Missouri (1992-1993)

Judicial: Judge, Columbia Municipal Court (1979-1983)

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney (part-time), Craig Van Matre, P.C.
(1980-1983)

Nonprofit: Director, Voluntary Action Center (1972)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Law
Institute; Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City,
Missouri; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar
Association

Staff

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Chambers of District Judge Richard E. Dorr

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Richard E. Dorr

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Illinois 1965 BS; Missouri 1968 JD
Began Service: August 9, 2002

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,
State of Missouri (1968)

Legal Practice: Associate, Mann, Walter, Burkart, Weathers and Walter
(1973-1978); Partner, Harrison Tucker and Dorr (1978-1983); Partner,
Dorr, Baird and Lightner, P.C. (1983-1996); Partner, Blackwell, Sanders,
Peper & Martin, LLP (1996-2002)

Staff

Court Reporter **Jeannine Rankin** (417) 865-3741
Courtroom Deputy **Karen Rilling** (417) 865-3869
Education: Arizona State 1995 BS
Judicial Assistant **Kerry Schroepfel** (417) 865-3741
Education: Drury 2002 BS

Chambers of Senior Judge Scott O. Wright

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Scott O. Wright

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923
Education: Missouri 1950 LLB
Began Service: October 5, 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: City Attorney, City of Columbia, Missouri (1951-1953);
Prosecuting Attorney, Boone County, State of Missouri (1954-1958)

Legal Practice: Associate, Clark & Becker (1950-1954); Partner, Brown,
Wright, Willbrand & Simon (1958-1979)

Military Service: United States Navy (1942-1943); United States Marine
Corps (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Trial
Lawyers Association; Boone County Bar Association; Missouri Bar
Association; Missouri Trial Lawyers Association

Staff

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Howard F. Sachs

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925
Education: Williams 1947 AB; Harvard 1950 JD
Began Service: October 5, 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Albert A. Ridge, United States
District Court (1950-1951)

Legal Practice: Associate, Phineas Rosenberg (1951-1956); Associate then
Partner, Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne (1956-1979)

Military Service: United States Navy (1944-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature
Society; Kansas City Bar Association; Lawyers' Association of Kansas
City; Missouri Bar

Staff

Law Clerk **Sarah Glasebrook** (816) 512-5715
Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 2001 JD
Law Clerk **Karen H. Graves** (816) 512-5715
Education: St John's U (NY) 1997 JD
Secretary **Julie E. Moritz** (816) 512-5715

Chambers of Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer

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John T. Maughmer

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
Education: Missouri 1977 BS, 1980 JD
Began Service: September 29, 1988
Term Expires: September 30, 2012

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Elmo B. Hunter, United States
District Court for the Western District of Missouri (1980-1982)

Judicial: Chief Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the
Western District of Missouri

Legal Practice: Lathrop, Koontz & Norquist (1982-1988)

Staff

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James C. England

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Missouri 1972 JD
Began Service: November 15, 1976
Term Expires: November 9, 2008

Staff

Law Clerk **Jeani Dwyer Thomson** (417) 865-7143
Education: Drury 1974 BS;
Missouri (Kansas City) 1984 JD
Secretary **Mollie Carter** (417) 865-7143
Education: Southwest Missouri State 1991 BS

Chambers of Magistrate Judge William A. Knox

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William A. Knox

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: North Dakota State 1966 BS; Minnesota 1968 JD
Began Service: December 15, 1985
Term Expires: December 14, 2009

Academic: Professor, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (1972-1985)

Government: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting
Attorney, County of Jackson, Missouri

Military Service: United States Coast Guard Reserve (1968-1972)

Current Memberships: Boone County Bar Association; Cole County Bar
Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Minnesota Bar
Association; The Missouri Bar

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